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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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broadcasting a synchronization signal from a wireless access point device indicating a mode of operation and available network services; and

establishing a connection between a non-authorized mobiledevice and the access point device.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wirelessly transmitting a synchronization signal to indicate a mode of operation and available network services; receiving a request for connection establishment from the non-authorized mobile device;

receiving a request for access to a selected network service, from among the available network services, from the non-authorized mobile device; and

allowing the non-authorized mobile device access to the selected network service.

- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the available network services includes free public network services.
- The method of claim 1 wherein the available network
 services includes pay-per-use public network services.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising:
- 2 providing a form of payment for a pay-per-use network service.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the form of payment is a credit card number.

- 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the form of payment is aprepaid payment number.
- 1 8. The method of claim 5 further comprising:
- 2 providing a secure transmission of information between
- 3 the non-authorized mobile device and the access point device.
- 1 9. The method of claim 5 further comprising:
- 2 sending payment information from the non-authorized
- 3 mobile device to the access point device wirelessly.
 - 10. The method of claim 5 further comprising:

validating the payment information provided by the nonauthorized mobile device; and

providing the validation results to the non-authorized mobile device.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

establishing a connection between the non-authorized mobile device to a selected network service only if payment validation successful.

- 12. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
- 2 disconnecting the non-authorized mobile device from a
- 3 selected network service, from among the available network
- 4 services, if payment expires.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- 2 performing data exchanges between the non-authorized
- 3 mobile device and a selected network service, from among the
- 4 available network services, through the access point.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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2	disconnecting the non-authorized mobile device from the
3	access point device to terminate access to the available
4	network services.

- The method of claim 1 wherein connection establishment 1
- uses any authentication procedure performed in accordance with 2
- the Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard 3
- 802.11 Specification or its supplements. 4
- A machine-readable medium having one or more instructions 1 for enabling a non-authorized user to wirelessly access a 2 number of network services, which when executed by a 3 processor, causes the processor to perform operations 4 comprising:

wirelessly transmitting a synchronization signal indicating a mode of operation and available network services;

receiving a request for connection establishment from a non-authorized user;

establishing a connection with the non-authorized user; receiving a request for access to a selected network service, from among the available network services, by the non-authorized user; and

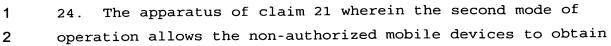
providing the non-authorized user access to the selected network service.

- The machine-readable medium of claim 16 further 1 17. 2 comprising:
- requesting a form of payment from the non-authorized user 3 4 for access to pay-per-use network services.
- The machine-readable medium of claim 17 further 1 18. 2 comprising:
- validating the payment information provided by the non-3 authorized user. 4

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- 1 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising:
- 2 disconnecting the non-authorized mobile device from the
- 3 selected network service if payment expires.
- 1 20. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
- 2 performing data exchanges between the non-authorized user
- 3 and the selected network service.
- 1 21. An apparatus comprising:
 - a transceiver port for wirelessly communicating with mobile devices;
 - a network communications port communicatively coupled to the transceiver port, the network communications port for coupling to a network; and
 - a control unit coupled to the transceiver port and the network communications port, the control unit configured to control access from the transceiver port to the network communications port and provide at least two modes of operation, a first mode of operation to provide authorized mobile devices access to the network communications port, and a second mode of operation to provide non-authorized mobile devices access to the network communications port.
- 1 22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein any one of the operation
- 2 modes can be dynamically enabled or disabled.
- 1 23. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein in the first mode of
- 2 operation a specific authentication process is requested from
- 3 the mobile devices to obtain full network access over the
- 4 network communications port and in the second mode of
- 5 operation no specific authentication process is requested from
- 6 the mobile devices to obtain certain network access over the
- 7 network communications port.

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- 3 public network access through the network communication port.
- 1 25. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the control unit is
- 2 configured to provide secure services to both authorized and
- 3 non-authorized mobile devices.
 - 26. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the control unit is configured to provide data exchange to both authorized and non-authorized mobile devices in accordance with the Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.11 Standard.
 - 27. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the control unit is configured to provide a third mode of operation, the third mode of operation provides authorized mobile devices access to the network communications port and non-authorized mobile devices limited access to the network communications port simultaneously.